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SUBJECT: U.S. PARTICIPATION IN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

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1. ARTHUR TURNER, HEAD, NORTHERN AND GENERAL AFRICA DEPARTMENT ODM, HAS WRITTEN EMBASSY SEEKING DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON TWO AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND QUESTIONS. FIRST, HE REQUESTS BACKGROUND REPORT ON REASONS FOR DELAY IN U.S. ACCESSION TO ADF.

2. SECOND, ASSUMING U.S. JOINS UK/YUGOSLAV GROUP, HE ASKS FOR DEPARTMENT VIEWS ON HOW INSTRUCTIONS TO UK/YUGOSLAV/US GROUP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PRESENTLY UK AMBASSADOR IN ABIDJAN, J.B. WRIGHT) SHOULD BE DELIVERED. HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ON MOST OCCASIONS U.S. AND U.K. VIEWS WILL COINCIDE, BUT HE ADDS THAT "WE SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE CASES WHEN THEY WILL DIFFER, AND, IN PARTICULAR, WE SHOULD EXAMINE THE MECHANICS FOR GIVING OUR DIRECTOR HIS INSTRUCTIONS." HE FEELS THAT US/UK VIEWS COULD BE HARMONIZED IN EITHER ABIDJAN, WASHINGTON OR LONDON. HE STATES, HOWEVER, THAT ODM DOES NOT, REPEAT NOT, THINK THAT THE FIRST OF THESE

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ALTERNATIVES HAS MANY ADVANTAGES. OF THE OTHER TWO,

ODM CONSIDERS THAT COORDINATION IN LONDON IS PREFERABLE
TO WASHINGTON, WHERE UK EMBASSY HAS SO FAR HAD MINIMAL
INVOLVEMENT IN ADF MATTERS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.

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